



\*\*\*Ag Week will not be released on November 5 due to absence of reporter\*\*\*

## VIRGINIA AG WEEK

### LIVESTOCK

Sales at Dublin, Lynchburg, Marshall, Radiant, Winchester and Wythe County.

Feeder steers mostly steady to 3.00 lower, heifers mostly 2.00-5.00 lower.

Feeder Cattle 7739 (Steers 4269; Heifers 3081; Bulls 389)

#### Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
44	300-400	371	116.00-135.00	125.84
372	400-500	460	110.00-127.00	121.18
1,023	500-600	552	95.00-120.00	113.88
800	600-700	641	87.50-120.00	106.63
421	700-800	730	94.75-116.00	105.71
206	800-900	869	94.75-105.00	101.48
42	900-1000	943	86.00- 99.75	93.24
7	1000-1100	1038	80.00	80.00

#### Feeder Steers Small 1

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
40	300-400	366	113.00-121.00	119.30
84	400-500	447	99.00-108.50	104.95
61	500-600	544	93.00-104.00	100.52
16	600-700	656	95.50- 98.50	97.46
12	700-800	724	89.00- 96.00	92.97

#### Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
53	300-400	360	117.50-136.00	122.76
190	400-500	451	100.00-121.00	116.02
250	500-600	550	92.50-115.00	108.96
165	600-700	645	95.00-113.00	101.26
91	700-800	747	90.50-106.00	99.01
43	800-900	852	94.50-100.00	95.76
12	900-1000	962	85.50	85.50

#### Feeder Steers Medium and Large 3

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
23	300-400	358	109.00-118.50	115.26
3	400-500	410	99.00- 99.00	99.00
9	500-600	530	91.50- 97.50	94.93
7	600-700	621	91.00- 93.00	91.57

### Feeder Holstein Steers Large 2

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
57	700-800	765	90.75	90.75
57	800-900	825	88.50	88.50

### Feeder Holstein Steers Medium and Large 2

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
17	800-900	852	70.00- 71.50	70.17

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
62	300-400	372	97.00-115.00	108.32
426	400-500	458	95.00-109.00	103.41
733	500-600	544	93.50-107.50	100.58
267	600-700	638	91.50- 99.00	96.10
65	700-800	744	85.00- 94.50	89.39
24	800-900	852	82.75- 90.00	85.09
6	900-1000	936	78.50	78.50

### Feeder Heifers Small 1

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
53	300-400	362	82.00-109.00	98.41
121	400-500	447	76.00- 96.50	92.87
64	500-600	536	79.00- 89.50	84.71
39	600-700	650	73.00- 84.75	78.38
9	700-800	727	75.00- 80.00	76.29

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
124	300-400	363	101.50-118.50	110.79
340	400-500	453	95.00-104.50	101.87
291	500-600	547	89.50-101.50	97.24
131	600-700	646	86.50- 97.50	92.87
41	700-800	745	84.00- 91.50	87.29
16	800-900	836	82.75	82.75

### Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 3

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
15	300-400	353	97.00-101.00	100.49
18	400-500	453	87.00- 99.00	97.02
9	500-600	549	91.00- 92.00	91.88
9	600-700	633	70.00- 93.50	78.81

### Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
21	300-400	334	117.00-124.00	118.34
68	400-500	457	95.00-115.00	108.55
64	500-600	551	100.00-107.00	101.77
16	600-700	638	91.00- 92.00	91.63

### Feeder Bulls Small 1

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
20	300-400	355	94.00-109.50	104.32
28	400-500	415	102.50-102.50	102.50

### Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Weight Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	300-400	376	102.00-113.00	103.48

55	400-500	444	100.00-111.00	106.63
26	500-600	554	87.00-102.00	97.46

Average auction prices at Blackstone, Front Royal, Hollins, Lynchburg, Marshall, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Staunton, Tri-State, and Winchester.

Slaughter cows mostly steady.

Breakers 75-80% Lean, 850-1200 lbs	45.25- 49.75
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Boners 80-85% Lean, 800-1200 lbs	43.75- 48.75
Boners 80-85% Lean, 1200-2000 lbs	45.25- 50.00
Lean 85-90% Lean, under 850 lbs	35.25- 41.00
Lean 85-90% Lean, 850 lbs and over	37.25- 42.75

Slaughter bulls mostly steady.

YG 1-2, 1000-1500 lbs	47.25- 60.25
YG 1-2, 1500-2500 lbs	53.50- 60.00

Slaughter lambs mostly steady.

Choice and Prime 1-2, 80-110 lbs	88.00-116.00
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Feeder lambs 12.00-15.00 higher

Medium and Large 1-2, 60-90 lbs	119.00-130.00
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GRAIN

Oct 29 compared to Oct 21

No. 2 Red Winter Wheat

Culpeper/Winchester	3.20	Steady
Eastern Shore	2.67	.10 higher
new crop	2.99	.11 higher
Norfolk Terminal	3.02	.10 higher
new crop	3.36	.11 higher
Petersburg/Richmond	2.72	.10 higher
new crop	2.94-3.11	.11 higher
Tappahannock	2.72	.10 higher
new crop	3.11	.11 higher
Wakefield	2.62	.10 higher
new crop	3.04-3.06	.11 higher

No. 2 Yellow Corn

Culpeper/Winchester	1.80-2.20	Steady
Eastern Shore	1.76	.02 higher
new crop	2.35	.01 higher
Petersburg/Richmond	1.81-1.96	.02 higher
Tappahannock	1.76	.03 lower
new crop	2.35	No trend
Wakefield	1.95-2.01	.02 higher

No. 1 Soybeans

Culpeper/Winchester	4.73-4.75	Steady
Eastern Shore	4.90	.02 higher
new crop	5.25	.10 higher
Norfolk Terminal	5.25	.03 lower
Petersburg/Richmond	4.95-5.04	.03 lower to .06 higher
Tappahannock	4.95	.03 lower
Wakefield	4.93-5.01	.03 lower to .03 higher

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

### APPLES

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT (VA, WV, MD, PA). DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. REGULAR STORAGE. Cartons tray pack Red Delicious U.S. ExFcy 72s 14.00-15.00 occas 16.00 80s 14.00-15.00 few 12.00 occas 16.00 88s 14.00-15.00 few 12.00 EXPORT 12.00 100s 14.00-15.00 occas 12.00 EXPORT 12.00 113s 14.00-15.00 occas 13.00 EXPORT 12.00 125s 14.00-15.00 occas 13.00 EXPORT 12.00 Comb U.S. ExFcy-U.S. Fcy 72s 11.00 80s 11.00 88s 12.00 100s 12.00 113s 12.00 125s 12.00 U.S. Fcy 72s 11.00 80s 11.00 88s 11.00 100s 11.00 113s 11.00 125s 11.00 Golden Delicious U.S. ExFcy 80s 15.00-17.00 mostly 15.00 88s 15.00-17.00 mostly 15.00 100s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 Royal Gala U.S. ExFcy 88s 20.00-23.00 mostly 20.00-22.00 100s 18.00 113s 17.00. Cartons 12 3-lb film bags Red Delicious U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 U.S. Fcy 2 1/4" up 10.00, Golden Delicious U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 13.00-14.00 mostly 13.50-14.00, Granny Smith U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 13.00, Royal Gala U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 14.00-15.00 mostly 14.00, Jonathan U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 12.00-12.50. Cartons 8 5-lb film bags Red Delicious U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 14.00-15.00 U.S. Fcy 2 1/2" min/up 10.00, Golden Delicious U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 15.00, Royal Gala U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 15.00.

HUDSON VALLEY NEW YORK. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Includes some Western & Central New York, and Champlain Valley apples. Cartons cell pack McIntosh U.S. ExFcy 80s 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 few higher 100s 16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 few higher, Cortland U.S. ExFcy 64s 15.00-17.00 few higher 80s 16.00-18.00 occas lower. Cartons 12 3-lb film bags Red Delicious U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 13.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 few 12.00 occas lower, McIntosh U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 Empire U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 12.00-13.00 few higher, Cortland U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 13.00-14.00.

### BEANS

EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET LOWER. Precooling included. Bushel cartons/crates Round Green Type Machine Picked 10.85 few lower.

SOUTH GEORGIA. DEMAND VERY LIGHT. MARKET LOWER. PALLETIZING AND PRECOOLING INCLUDED. Bushel cartons/crates Round Green Type Machine Picked 10.00-12.85 mostly 10.85-12.85 occas 9.85 occas lower.

### CABBAGE

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 50-lb cartons Round Green Type med 6.00 some 6.50-7.00 some 5.50.

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Wide range in quality. 50-lb cartons Round Green Type med-lge 7.00-9.00 mostly 8.00 few including previous commitments lower lge 5.50-6.50. 50-lb sacks Round Green Type lge 3.50-4.00 few including previous commitments lower bulk per lb Round Green Type lge .06-.07 mostly .06-.065 occas lower.

### CUCUMBERS

SOUTH GEORGIA. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. WAXED 1 1/9 bushel cartons med 10.00-10.85 few low as 8.00 fr qual 5.00-6.35 few lower sml 6.00-8.85 mostly 6.00-7.35 cartons 24s 4.00-5.00 mostly 4.00 occas low as 3.50.

### GREENS

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Various containers bunched/loose Collard 6.00 few 5.50 Kale 6.00 few 5.50 Mustard 6.00 few 5.50 Turnip Tops 6.00 few 5.50.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Cartons bunched Collard 6s 6.50-8.50 mostly 6.50-7.00 cartons loose Kale 6.50-8.50 mostly 6.50-7.00 Mustard 6.50-8.50 mostly 6.50-7.00 Turnip Tops 6.50-8.50

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SOUTH GEORGIA. SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Cartons bunched Collard 24s 7.00-7.50 mostly 7.00 Kale 24s 7.00-7.50 mostly 7.00 Mustard Curly 24s 7.00-7.50 mostly 7.00 Flat 24s 7.00-7.50 mostly 7.00 Turnip Tops 24s 7.00-7.50 mostly 7.00.

#### PEPPERS

SOUTH GEORGIA. SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET JUMBO SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 1 1/9 bushel cartons Bell Type Green jbo 40.00-40.85 occas low as 38.00 exlge 38.00-40.35 lge 34.00-36.35 occas high as 38.35 med 32.00-34.35.

#### SQUASH

SOUTH GEORGIA. DEMAND ZUCCHINI MODERATE, OTHERS FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 and 5/9 bushel cartons/crates Zucchini sml 6.00-6.35 few high as 7.35 med 4.00-4.35 few high as 5.35 Yellow Straightneck sml 6.00-8.35 med 4.00-6.35 3/4 bushel. Cartons Yellow Crookneck sml 8.00-10.35 med 5.00-6.35 mostly 6.00-6.35.

#### SWEET POTATOES

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Predominant varieties include Beauregard, Hernandez and Jewel. CURED 40-lb cartons jbo 7.00-8.00 some 9.00-10.00 U.S. One med 14.00-15.00 some 12.00-13.00 U.S. Two 5.00-6.00 some 7.00.

#### TOMATOES

EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA. SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Extra services included. 25-lb cartons loose Mature Greens 85% U.S. One or Better 5x6s 31.20-36.20 6x6s 28.20-31.20 6x7s 24.20-26.20. GRAPE TYPE: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Extra services included. Flats 12 1-pt containers with lids 36.20 20-lb cartons loose 66.20 few high as 71.20. PLUM TYPE: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Extra services included. 25-lb cartons loose Roma 30.20-31.20.

#### POULTRY

Delmarva broiler/fryer movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased a bit for weekend and early first-of-the month needs, but overall activity was still noted as only light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at .62-.77. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies remained at least adequate across the board. U.S. Grade A, range .58-.82, weighted average .6658, number of boxes 7,978.

Southeast regional egg prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to usually moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies ranged adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were noted as normal. Spent hen offerings were generally adequate for the at least moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, per dozen. Extra Large .455-.53, mostly .47-.50. Large .44-.51, mostly .45-.48. Medium .275-.35, mostly .28-.32.

## TOBACCO

Demand was very light for flue-cured tobacco auctioned in the Northern Area this week. Tobacco companies were extremely selective in their purchases, as loan receipts increased considerably this week with the highest percentage so far this season. Composition of marketings at both auction and contract centers was mainly leaf and smoking leaf, with the maturity of the crop being very desirable. Auction volume was light at most points, with only seven markets remaining open after this week. All contract centers are closed, except for two, which will receive tobacco next week then shut down for the season.

The overall auction average for the week was 186.64 per hundred, down .98 from the preceding week. After 48 auction days last year, 53.0 million pounds had averaged 180.58 per hundred. During the same period for contract centers last year (66 days), 272.8 million pounds had returned 186.81 per hundred. This week's resales amounted to 12,671 pounds, increasing the season figure to 370,172 pounds.

Around 57 percent of the recorded grade bid averages were off generally 1.00 or 2.00, whereas the remaining grades held steady. The majority of the desirable leaf and smoking leaf grades sold at the 193.00 mark, while a range of 171.00-182.00 per hundred pounds covered most other upper stalk offerings. Just about all grades were averaging at their support level.

Smoking leaf tobacco rose 7 percentage points this week to 26 percent of all auctions. Leaf grades slipped to 69 percent, followed by cutters at 4 and lugs 1 percent. Good and fair quality tobacco combined for 93 percent of the total volume. About 97 percent of sales was either ripe or mellow, with orange (F) and variegated (K) the primary colors.

Nearly all tobacco delivered to contract centers this week was leaf or smoking leaf, accounting for 91 and 6 percent, respectively. From a quality standpoint, fair tobacco led receipts at 68 percent, followed by good at 16, low 12 and poor quality 1 percent. Mature and better tobacco comprised 92 percent of the contract volume.

The Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation accepted 93.0 percent of net auction sales this week, raising the season figure to 70.0 percent. At the same point last year, 72.2 percent of net auction sales had been placed under loan. When auction and contract sales are combined, 16.9 percent of net sales has been placed into the loan program this season. However, warehouse resale pounds and tobacco delivered to contract centers are not eligible for price support.

## COTTON

Average spot cotton quotations were lower than the previous week. Quotations for the base quality of cotton (color 41, leaf 4, staple 34, mike 35-36 and 43-49, strength 26.5-28.4, uniformity 81) in the seven designated markets averaged .4440 per pound for the week ending October 28. The weekly average was down from .4485 per pound for the previous week and .7685 for the corresponding week a year ago. Quotations ranged from a high of .4506 on October 27 to a low of .4347 on October 28. The New York December futures settlement price ended the week at .4531 per pound as compared to .4581 last week.

Southeastern markets. Trading of spot cotton was slow. Supplies were moderate. Producer offerings were light. Cotton was slow to enter marketing channels; some producers were slow to respond to merchant bids, other producers delayed marketing their cotton in anticipation of a higher Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). Demand was very good for cotton available for immediate delivery. NY December futures prices fluctuated within a narrow range during the week. Mixed lots of color 41 and better, leaf 3 and better, staple mostly 34 and longer, mike 43-49, and strength averaging 28.5 and

higher sold for .45 per pound, FOB car/truck (Rule 5, compression charges paid). A moderate volume of mixed lots of mostly color 41 and better, leaf 4 and better, staple 35 and longer, mike 35-49, and strength averaging 29 and higher sold for 100 points off NY December futures, same terms as above. Domestic mill buyers were mostly concerned with scheduling deliveries of previously contracted cotton for October and November to replenish dwindling inventories of raw cotton. Agents for foreign mills made inquiries for a light volume of 2004-crop cotton. Interest was best from India and Turkey. A few producers fixed the price on contracted cotton.

Scattered showers delayed harvesting early in the period in north Alabama and in the Carolinas late in the period. Lingering fog and misty mornings delayed picking in areas of Georgia until mid-day. Gins in Alabama and South Carolina took advantage of the harvesting delays to reduce backlogged modules. Ginning activity in Georgia and North Carolina continued uninterrupted. Yields continued to range from 800 to 1,200 pounds per acre in North Carolina and Virginia, 800 to 1,000 pounds in north Alabama, and 500 to 700 pounds in central and south Alabama. According to the NASS Crop Progress report for the week ending October 24, 53 percent of the crop was harvested in North Carolina, 45 percent in South Carolina, 44 percent in Georgia, 41 percent in Alabama, and 40 percent in Virginia.